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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3, 5-18 and 20-32 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 16 and 20 have been amended herein. Claims 4 and 19 have been canceled. Claims 1, 16 and 31 are the only independent claims.

First, Applicants again acknowledge with thanks the indication that Claims 31 and 32 are allowable over the art of record, and also that Claims 4, 5, 19 and 20 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 3, 6-16, 18 and 21-30 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by newly-cited US Patent 6,261,312 (Dobak, III et al.) and Claims 2 and 17 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dobak in view of newly-cited US Patent 3,325,419 (Dato).

In order to place the application in condition for allowance, independent Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable limitation of Claim 4 and independent Claim 16 has been amended to include the allowable limitation of Claim 19. Claims 5 and 20 have been amended to correct dependency accordingly.

In view of the foregoing claim amendments, each of the rejections is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance and prompt review and issuance is accordingly requested. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment After Final Rejection or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues may be resolved.

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